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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

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FOLLOWING INFO, SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE REFTEL, HAS BEEN CLEARED BY
ALL MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM.

1 A. YOUTH CATEGORIES:

10 PERCENT YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

25 PERCENT YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

5 PERCENT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN MEDIA

5 PERCENT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN LAW

5 PERCENT YOUNG LABOR LEADERS

25 PERCENT UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

25 PERCENT SELECTED UNIVERSITIES OR FACULTIES OF PARTICULAR
SIGNIFICANCE:

IRIC (CAMEROON' S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS), THE PAN-
AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT, FACULTY OF LAW AND ECONOMICS)

B. RATIONALE:

CAMEROON IS SOMETHING LESS THAN A CIVIL LIBERIARIAN' S DREAM.

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AS A RESULT THE ONLY " YOUTH" GROUPS WHICH HAVE A CHANCE TO ORGANIZE AND ACHIEVE ANY SENSE OF SOLIDARITY AS " YOUTH" ARE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND ASSOCIATED INSTITUTES. MOST

OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TOO SCATTERED AND LACK A CHANCE TO DEVELOP ANY COMMON SENSE OF GRIEVANCE AND THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES TO DO MUCH ABOUT IT. CLASS AND TRIBAL LOYALTIES AND ANIMOSITIES TEND TO PREDOMINATE AND THE MERE FACT OF THEIR AGE HAS LITTLE IMPACT IN CREATING A SENSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THEIR PEERS.

A UNIVERSITY DEGREE IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING AN ENTRY REQUIREMENT TO JOBS WITH ANY REAL POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT TO LEVELS OF INFLUENCE AND POWER. FOR THIS REASON, COUNTRY EFFORTS SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARD UNIVERSITY GROUPS-- STUDENT LEADERS, PROFESSORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO HAVE MAJOR INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS, AND THE STUDENTS OF CERTAIN SPECIAL FACULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY DEALING WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS AND LAW FROM WHICH THE FUTURE POLITICAL LEADERS OF CAMEROON ARE LIKELY TO COME.

YOUNG BUREAUCRATS ALSO DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE THE BUREAUCRACY IS A PATH TO IMPORTANT UPWARD MOBILITY. YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS DESERVE MORE THAN THE 10 PERCENT WEIGHT WE HAVE ALLOTTED TO THEM, BUT THE LIMITATION IS THAT THEY ARE GENERALLY OFF LIMITS.

C. SHORT TERM YOUTH IMPACT:

NONE

11. A. OBJECTIVES:

25 PERCENT ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP
10 PERCENT DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS.
15 PERCENT CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD U. S.
15 PERCENT PROMOTE AND UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD U. S. GOALS AND POLICIES
10 PERCENT FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE AND U. S. INVESTMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS.
10 PERCENT ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS.

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15 PERCENT THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY

B. RATIONALE:

THE IMPORTANCE OF " YOUTH" AS A GROUP IN ANY COUNTRY HAS TO DO

WITH THE OBVIOUS FACT THAT FROM THE YOUNG COME A NATION'S
FUTURE LEADERS. THEIR HOPES, THOUGHTS, AND ACTIONS WILL EVENTUALLY
INFLUENCE THE POLICIES OF THE FUTURE, BECAUSE OF THIS, THE

MISSION'S CHIEF REASON FOR BEING CONCERNED WITH YOUTH IS TO
IDENTIFY AND ASSURE ACCESS TO FUTURE LEADERS IN CAMEROON.
BY DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH PROMISING YOUNG PEOPLE WE
HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CREATE FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE
U. S. AND ITS POLICIES, FOSTER A CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO OUR
FUTURE INTERESTS, AND BE ABLE BETTER TO FOLLOW AND UNDERSTAND
INCIPIENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN CAMEROON. BECAUSE
OF THE LIMITS OF MISSION RESOURCES AND PAUCITY OF DEVELOPED
" YOUTH" GROUPS IN CAMEROON, THE MISSION HAS LITTLE HOPE
OF ACHIEVING MORE SPECIFIC AND IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES SUCH
AS BRINGING ABOUT SUPPORT TO MEET PRESENT SITUATIONAL NEEDS.

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III A. RESOURCES:

10 PERCENT CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS
10 PERCENT CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

CU FULL- YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO:
(3 PERCENT FOREIGN STUDENTS
15 PERCENT AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)
10 PERCENT CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES
10 PERCENT AID TRAINING PROGRAMS
5 PERCENT MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAMS
25 PERCENT USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING (OTHER
THAN EXCHANGES)

A. IMPROVEMENTS:

THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH LOCAL PRACTICES AND SENSITIVITIES PLACE ON OUR EFFORT WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY ALLOCATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON PROGRAMMING IN CAMEROON.

B. PRIVATE RESOURCES

PRIVATE AMERICAN FOUNDATIONS AND UNIVERSITIES CAN SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO BRING MORE CAMEROONIAN STUDENTS TO THE U. S. A. ONE OF THE MAJOR WAYS TO ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES OF REACHING POTENTIAL
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LEADERSHIP AND FOSTERING FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE U. S. AND ITS POLICIES.

C. PEACE CORPS:

PEACE CORPS IMPACT IS ON A PERSONAL, NON- QUANTIFIABLE BASIS. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS GENERALLY DO NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED OFFICIALLY WITH THE MISSION'S YOUTH EFFORT. THROUGH THEIR OWN PROFESSIONAL CONTACT AND FRIENDSHIPS WITH POTENTIAL CAMEROONIAN LEADERS THEIR CONTRIBUTION IS PROBABLY SIGNIFICANT. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE THEIR CONTRIBUTION MORE SPECIFICALLY AND PROBABLY UNWISE AS THEY WOULD CONSIDER SUCH AN EVALUATION TO BE PLACING THEM IN A POLITICAL POSITION. PCV'S ARE GENERALLY GOOD REPRESENTIVES OF AMERICAN YOUTH. ON AN OFFICIAL LEVEL,

THE PC ADMINISTRATION TAKES CARE TO COORDINATE ITS ACTIVITIES WITH THOSE OF THE EMBASSY, AID AND USIS.

IV. A. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH:

MEDIUM

B. AS EXPLAINED IN IB CAMEROONIAN " YOUTH" IN GENERAL ARE NOT A CONSCIOUSLY UNIFIED GROUP IN SOCIETY. THE IMPORTANCE TO MISSION PROGRAMMING OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAPPEN TO BE YOUNG USUALLY IS DETERMINED BY OTHER FACTORS -- SUCH AS THE POSITIONS THEY HOLD TO WHICH THE MERE FACT OF THEIR AGE IS IRRELEVANT.

C. CURRENT RESOURCE ALLOCATION:

A. 10 PERCENT
21.6 TOTAL MAN MONTHS PER YEAR

B. ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL TIME:
50 PERCENT CONTACT WORK
10 PERCENT REPORTING

40 PERCENT PROGRAM WORK (EXCHANGES, SEMINARS, ETC.)

C. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY:

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20 PERCENT STATE
60 PERCENT USIA
10 PERCENT AID
0 PERCENT DOD
10 PERCENT OTHER (PEACE CORPS)

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES:

20 PERCENT CU BUDGET
20 PERCENT USIA BUDGET
10 PERCENT AID BUDGET (TRAINING, LOANS, GRANTS, ETC.)
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